Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Manny Amado, Carlo Buscemi, Kimlisa Duchicela, Fernanda Gonzalez Van-Pratt, Joe Labuda, Joe Langlois, Alec Moreno, Jeff Silvyn, Nancee Sorenson, Debbie Yoklic

Not In Attendance: Shelby Deibel, Don Harp, Lee Lambert, Lorraine Morales, Mykle Zoback

1. Agenda Modifications: None

2. Approval of Minutes of 10/27/14: Approved

3. AZ SARA Council representative report- Kate Schmidt:
Kate Schmidt updated the committee on SARA, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, which is a voluntary agreement among member states and U.S. territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. Kate advised that information can be found at the PCC website under new students/Apply/Online students residing outside Arizona. Pima is currently working with higher education authorities in all states and other U.S. jurisdictions to ensure compliance with state authorization requirements that govern the offering of courses in those states. SARA meetings will take place in the Spring.

4. Budget Committee Update- Dave Bea:
Dave let the committee know that a creation of a group is being developed to ensure that budget and planning are integrated. This group is an offshoot of the strategic planning group and will be taking a look at the current process and procedures to ensure there’s good integration with strategic planning and establishing criteria with budgeting priorities going forward. The following are items that will be looked into:
-Identifying what things is mission critical; knowing how to establish what is mission critical
-Getting a more inclusive budgeting process
Dave stated that they had an informative conversation with the Board of Governors at the Study Session of November talking about the state of the finances as we enter a challenging time. Two critical keys for this is that the state budget situation is poor and most likely getting worse, and the current year deficit is expected to be around $500 million. Next year the deficit is expected to be $800 million. The governor-elect will be likely fighting the K-12 judgment. Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) will be using Community Colleges as one of their legislative platforms and will look at expenditure limitations. This puts a cap on how much you can spend depending on enrollment. ATRA is trying to set it at an accurate actual number. This affects PCC due to the difference between projected enrollment, 23,000 and the actual enrollment of 18,000. Moving forward we will need to recalibrate the budget and come up with strategies for a more realistic budget.

5. **Role of Governance Council- Jeff:**
   Jeff wanted the committee to give their opinion on the role of Governance Council and where it fits in the model. Presented by Gwen Joseph, Jeff asked the committee if they have suggestions about what issues they feel Governance Council should look into. Discussion about the development of Governance Councils at each campus came up as well. Members agreed Governance Council should be under District-wide Leadership since we are giving our recommendations to the Chancellor. Debbie has an upcoming meeting with Gwen Joseph and will bring up questions to her at that time.

   Nancee Sorenson was introduced to the committee as the replacement for Michael Tulino.

6. **Committee Research Update- Debbie:**
   Debbie passed out a grid with all the committee meetings that are remaining. Debbie asked the members who could attend the committees meetings that were left without a person present. Debbie touched base on what questions to ask during these meetings, which includes if they believe that committee should exist? If the charge is right? Is the structure right? Whom do they think they should report to? Etc.

7. **Open Forum (Council members only)**
   Will continue this item for next meeting
Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

Future Meetings: 11/24/14, 3-5pm, B-218
   12/08/14, 3-5pm, B-218